GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1214
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
BETTING RACKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police have busted number of betting rackets in the Capital recently after the start of the Cricket World Cup;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the persons arrested in this connection so far in the country and the estimated amount of illegal money involved in this betting racket in the country;

(c) whether some underworld dons including Dawood Ibrahim are also alleged to be involved in such rackets on a large scale; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government have taken/propose to be taken in consultation with all State Governments to curb such illegal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): Delhi Police detected seven betting rackets operating from Delhi after the start of the `Cricket World Cup, 2003` in connection with which 24 persons were arrested and cash amounting to Rs.4,81,522/- seized.

(c): No such instance has come to the notice of Delhi Police.

(d): Law and Order being a state subject, it is for the State Governments concerned to work out modalities for curbing such illegal activities. Delhi Police have, however, briefed Police officials to collect intelligence about betting rackets; and to keep a watch on the persons suspected to be involved in such activities.